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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Mohamad Hassan Younes

DEARBORN MAN IS SENTENCED FOR CREDIT CARD & BANKRUPTCY FRAUD

A Dearborn man was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment for credit card and bankruptcy fraud, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Daniel D. Roberts, Special Agent In Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Office of the U.S. Trustee, Marion J. Mack, Jr. Assistant U.S. Trustee.

Mohamad Hassan Younes, 57, of Dearborn, was sentenced by United States District Judge Victoria A. Roberts

Younes pleaded guilty in November 2005 to one count of filing a bankruptcy petition in furtherance of a scheme to defraud 21 credit card companies, banks, and retail stores. The fraud stemmed from Younes obtaining the credit cards from credit card companies, banks and retail stores using false employment and income information. Between February and June 2002, Younes used the credit cards to purchase electronic equipment, household furniture, clothes, and jewelry as well as cash advances. Younes sold many of the goods he acquired to

others for 50% of their value. Checks drawn on a closed business checking account were used to pay some of the credit card accounts which would serve to temporarily increase the credit lines. Younes obtained about \$192,000 in goods and cash. On March 14, 2003, he filed a petition in bankruptcy in order to discharge all the debt he had fraudulently incurred.

“This case demonstrates our commitment to preventing the use of the federal bankruptcy laws to perpetuate fraudulent conduct. The bankruptcy procedures are designed to give honest debtors a fresh start, not reward criminals for their misconduct,” United States Attorney Murphy said. “With our partners in the FBI and the U.S. Trustees Office, we will continue to aggressively pursue such cases.”

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ross I. MacKenzie, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Leslie Berg, of the U.S. Trustee’s Office.